People's Action and Rural Technology is de-politicalised and placed under professionals involved in voluntary action in the country?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) and (b) Representations have been received from some Voluntary Agencies, from time to time alleging non-sanction/ delay in sanction of projects by CAPART and sanction of projects to certain Voluntary Agencies as also against some staff of CAPART. While CAPART has taken steps to reduce such delays, no substance has been found in other allegations made.

(c) No funds of CAPART have been diverted to projects on partisan basis.

(d) The top management of CAPART generally comprises of officers of All India Services who have considerable experience in the Central and State Governments and have full professional competance to discharge the responsibilities involved in the performance of their duties.

Diversion of funds by CAPART

529. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that over Rs. 60 crores were spent by Council for Advancement of People Action for Rural Technology from the 1st April, to 30th November, 1989 under various programmes ;

(b) the amount spent from 1st December, 1989 onwards under (8) different programmes ;

(c) the amount sanctioned and released from the 1st April, 1989 onwards month-wise ;

(d) Whether it is a fact that funds were diverted on political reasons to RLEGP/JRY sectors ; and

(e) whether Government propose to set up a fact-finding Committee to go into diversion of funds including 10-15 per cent commission charged/demanded by Council for Advancement People Action for Rural Technology staff for release of funds and satisfactor monitoring and evaluation of the projects?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) A statement I showing the amounts released from 1st December, 1989 to 28th February, 1990 under 8 different schemes is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) A statement-II showing the amounts sanctioned and released month-wise from 1st April, 1989 to 28th February, 1990 is annexed. (*See* below).

(d) and (e) No, Sir. From the statements I & II, it will be observed that there has been no diversion of funds. There is also no charge of commission for release of funds or for monitoring and evaluation of the projects.

Statement-I

Amounts released by CAPART from 1-12-1989 *to* 28-2-1990 *under various schemes*

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount
		(Rs. in lakhs)
1.	RLEGP/JRY	100·00
2.	Public Cooperation	70·00
3.	DWCRA	35·00
4.	I.R.D.P.	10·00
5.	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme	79.00
6.	Organisation of Beneficiaries	8·00
7.	Technology Project	38·00
8.	Central Rural Sanitation Programme.	83·00

Statement-II

Amounts sanctioned and released by CAPART Month-wise from 1-4-1989 *to* 28-2-1990.

Sl. No.	Month & Year	Sanctioned Amount (Rs.)	Released Amount (Rs.)
1.	April, 1989	1,45,13,989	5,14,02,036
2.	May, 1989	2,45,69,466	2,08,96,988
3.	June, 1989	1,36,16,691	1,56,02,674
4.	July, 1989	3,22,27,636	72,40,073
5.	August, 1989	3,57,78,048	1,56,68,235
6.	September, 1989	99,63,667	7,01,75,464
7.	October, 1989	1,07,73,530	1,76,81,327
8.	November, 1989	1,63,53,429	1,12,10,937
9.	December, 1989	1,59,51,825	1,53,34,061
10.	January, 1990	1,09,20,185	1,08,29,786
11.	February, 1990	1,13,38,355	1,18,14,844
	TOTAL :	19,60,56,821	24,78,56,425

Note : Amount has been released for the projects sanctioned before April, 1989. Hence the released amount is more than the sanctioned amount.